

THE WEATHER

FOR INDIANA—Rain in south; rain or snow in north portion this afternoon and tonight; colder tonight. Tuesday fair, colder in extreme south portion.

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U. S. TO ACT ON MAIL DELAY CORONER'S VERDICT HOLDS GARY MAN RESPONSIBLE VIGOROUS ACTION IS PROMISED

CRIMINAL NEGLECTANCE IS CHARGED

Pros. Atty. Says Manslaughter
Affidavits Will Now Be
Prepared.

Official findings of the coroner's inquest which has just been completed after a three-day session over the death of Kosta Meglis, of Meigs, of Hammond, will say that "the deceased came to his death by automobile accident, fractured ribs, ruptured spleen, and hemorrhage, due to criminal negligence of Anton Kosiha of Gary, who was driving recklessly while intoxicated, on Summer st., Hammond."

DEATH CAR DAMAGED.
The accident occurred March 24, when Meigs, who was riding a motorcycle west on Summer st., was struck by an automobile driven by Kosiha. Photographs taken of the "dead car" show the right front fender twisted and bent, indicating that Kosiha was driving on the wrong side of the street, the evidence being substantiated by numerous witnesses.

OUT ON \$10,000 BAIL.
Kosiha is now out on \$10,000 bail. According to Deputy Prosecutor Griffiths affidavits will be issued from the criminal court at Crown Point charging Kosiha with manslaughter. At the coroner's inquest held before Dr. H. J. White, Attorney L. I. Modica represented the state and Attorney W. J. McAlister represented Kosiha.

THE JUDGE DISAPPOINTS A BIG CROWD

Disinterested folks who happened to be in the vicinity of the West Hammond police station Saturday afternoon witnessed one of the most heart-rending scenes of their careers when Judge Kosiha, ordered the court room cleared. It was enough to move the sterner heart.

The occasion of it all was the calling for trial of the state case against Joseph Meek for alleged indecent exposure while foreman in a West Hammond plant. The women and men of West Hammond had been looking forward to this trial and they packed the court room. The judge knew that the testimony was going to be about the most indecent imaginable so when everybody was comfortably settled, for a long line of racy stuff he spotted it all by ordering everybody but two witnesses out.

With Chief of Police Nitz, acting as interpreter, Sofia Kaminski, the complaining witness, was placed on the stand. Her testimony started at two o'clock and shortly before six o'clock she was still telling all about it. At first she was a little shy in discussing the doings of Meek but under the exasperating questions which the lawyers hurled at her she loosened up and told it in plain Polish. Chief Nitz can stand a lot but many a time he blushed and hesitated before he translated her words into the roughest sort of English.

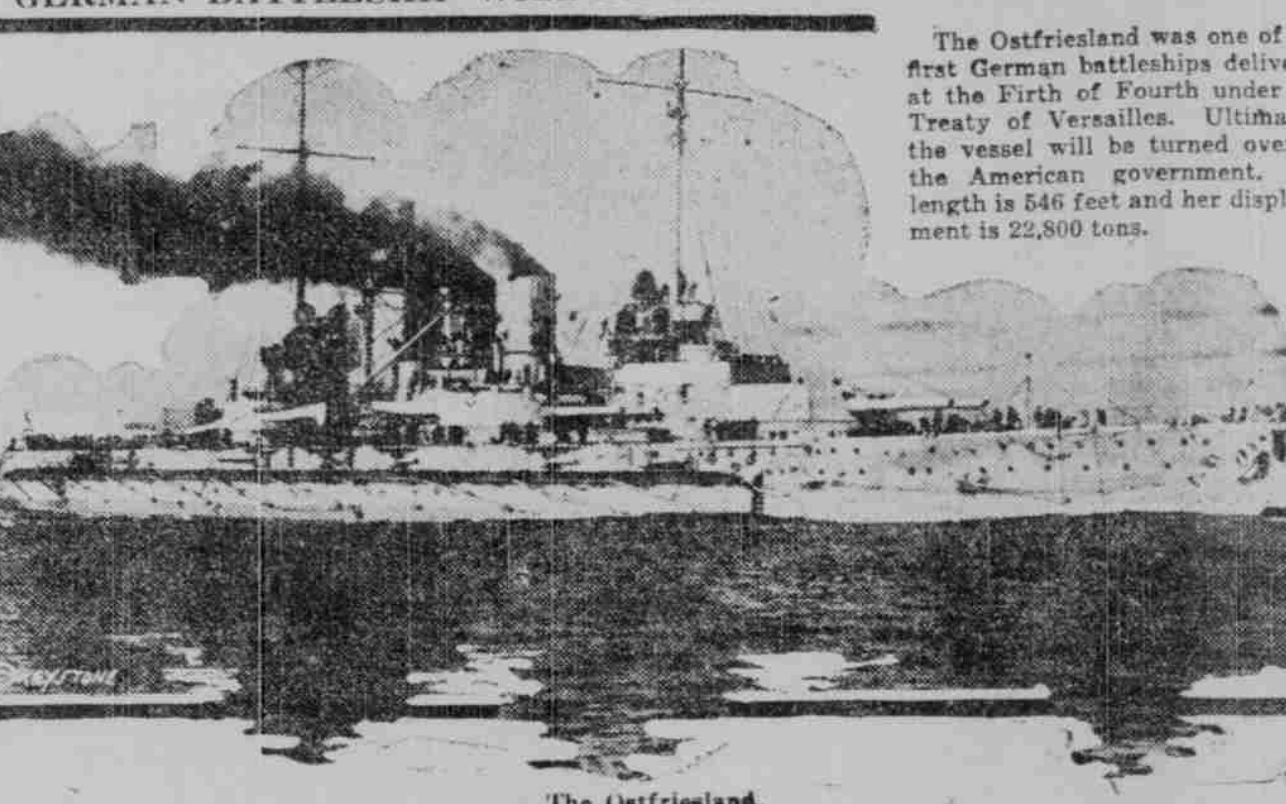
At six o'clock the hearing was adjourned for two more weeks, with only one witness having been heard. In the meantime the selected women had congregated in the first station and were talking it over. Several in the crowd, it seems had worked at the factory and had the same experience as Sofia with Meek. As long as a woman stood for his attentions, according to Sofia with Meek. As long as a woman stood for his attentions, according to Sofia with Meek.

MURPHY CLEARED OF ROBBERY CHARGE

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
CROWN POINT, Ind., April 12.—The trial of Thomas Murphy of Chicago, who was indicted in the cigarette robbery last December, resulted in an acquittal for that young man, the jury after being out since noon, returned a verdict of not guilty about 2:30 p. m. The case was bitterly contested by the defense and the able arguments of Attorney Fred Crumacker and Murphy and the "silent witness" present swayed the minds of the jurors that the evidence in the case was not strong enough to convict Murphy.

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GERMAN BATTLESHIP WILL BE TURNED OVER TO UNCLE SAM



The Ostfriesland.

The Ostfriesland was one of the first German battleships delivered at the Fifth of Fourth under the Treaty of Versailles. Ultimately the vessel will be turned over to the American government. Her length is 546 feet and her displacement is 22,800 tons.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEE'S CONVENTION

A. F. of L. Men Meet At
Kansas City and Score
Congress and the Govern-
ment.

By E. RUSSELL PALMER.
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)
KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—The fifth biennial convention of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor opened here today with some significant utterances on the subject of the wage differences which have caused thousands of railroad employees in all parts of the country to ignore their union affiliations and take part in the "wildcat" strike.

ATTACK CUMMINGS LAW.
The opening session, which was thrown open to the press, produced a series of bitter attacks on the Cummings-Esch law and threats to defeat those who voted for it. In speeches by A. O. Wharton, international president of the department, and ex-Congressman Edward Keating, manager of the Plumb Plan League, the law was assailed as the most vicious piece of class legislation ever enacted.

ARE SUFFERING HARDSHIP.
Earlier in an interview Wharton had indicated that the sentiment of the convention would probably be in favor of submitting to the law. He said that resolutions would probably be passed this afternoon dealing with the outbreak of the insurgent strikers. The 600 representatives here of more than 700,000 men will be urged, he said, to go about seeking wage readjustments according to the method outlined in the law. He declared that hundreds of thousands of railroad employees are suffering great hardship because of the increased cost of living and a stationary wage.

SCORE THE GOVERNMENT.
Failure of the government to appoint a labor board to listen to their requests was severely scored.

Rumors that the radical element represented here may make an effort to seize the convention and turn it to their own purposes were in circulation as the delegates gathered. If they succeeded in gaining control, it is even possible that some action may be forced through approving the present strike. All of the high officials, however, are on the alert to see that the "outlaws" are prevented from getting a "look in."

WARNING COMES TRUE.
The temper of the morning meeting seemed sympathetic to the striking element, although all of the speakers were inclined to doubt the effectiveness of its methods.

"We warned congress that the passage of this bill would increase industrial discontent," said Keating, "and you have only to look at the front pages of the newspapers today to see how that prophecy has come true."

WANT NEW PACES IN CONGRESS.
"We lost that battle. The Cummings-Esch bill is on the statute books, but it will not remain there. The time has come to stop resolution and go to voting. Not to overthrow the country—only fools and demagogues would urge that. We're going to preserve American institutions. We're going to the ballot box on election day and vote for men who stand for American principles. We have a new law. The vote on the Cummings-Esch bill separates the sheep from the goats. We look now to see 200 new faces in the next congress. The railroads cannot fool the people all the time."

STARTING IN THE DAY EARLY

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
WHEELING, W. Va., April 12.—Five masked bandits early today overpowered three employees of the Wheeling Traction Co. at the Follinsville Barn, blew open two safes and escaped in an automobile with more than \$5,000.

EXTRA!

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
CHICAGO, April 12.—The government intervened in the railroad strike today, Acting. It is believed, under orders from Atty. Gen. Palmer, U. S. Dist. Atty. Charles F. Clynne issued the following ultimatum to the strikers: "Go back to work; withdraw your demands, and adopt other measures for securing an adjustment of your grievances, or quit work and permit others who are willing to work to do so. 'The railroads must be permitted to employ men to take the places of the strikers. The latter must refrain from all coercive measures. No more strike meetings may be held. The trains must run.'"

Hammond And Gary To Get Johnson

The third of the Republican presidential candidates to announce Lake county as a part of his itinerary for his Indiana trip is Senator Hiram Johnson, who, according to C. C. Kingwill of Hammond, his county manager, will be in Lake county between the 19th and 23rd of this month. Mr. Kingwill received advice from Indianapolis to that effect this morning.

Senator Johnson will speak in two Lake county cities and possibly three. He will positively be in Hammond and Gary, and efforts are being made to include East Chicago.

A meeting of Johnson supporters will be held for organization purposes in the Chamber of Commerce tonight and all Johnson men and women are asked to be present.

ARREST LEADS TO \$5000 DAMAGE SUIT
Humiliation which he suffered because of an arrest two years ago, and which he says was unjust and made maliciously, is the basis of a suit for \$5,000 damages brought by Lawrence Lenahan against John M. Reil. The suit is now on trial before a jury in Room 1 of the Hammond Superior court.

Lenahan alleges that he was arrested in East Chicago on June 2, 1918, on a warrant sworn out by Reil. He was charged with stealing automobile tires valued at \$25. The case he says was continued three times in the police court and finally dismissed for want of prosecution on June 10. Crumacker & Crumacker are attorneys for the plaintiff while the defendant is represented by Bomberger, Peters & Morland.

FRENCH NOTE CLEARS SITUATION

LONDON, April 12.—A Bonar Law, government leader in the house of commons, this afternoon announced that the French note of Sunday had "cleared up the critical situation existing in Anglo-French relations."

The meeting of the house of commons was the first since the Easter recess.

A cabinet meeting was called to approve the British reply to the French note.

MUNCIE WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
MUNCIE, Ind., April 12.—Mrs. Joshua True, 42 years of age, was burned to death by an explosion of kerosene she poured over coals in the kitchen range at her home and her husband is suffering injuries sustained when he attempted to rescue the woman.

Now it is Something Else Again, Pigs! Hammond People can Get Ready for Another Big Smell This Summer.

When will the war end? This question which is a burning one all over the United States is becoming of particular interest in West Hammond. Warm weather is approaching. The stench from pig pens in hot weather is particularly strong and disagreeable.

The connection between pig pens and West Hammond and the war is this. During the war the food administration urged everybody to raise a pig and in West Hammond where the practice had just been broken up, it was seized upon eagerly. Today there are numerous hog lots right at the rear of residences.

Complaints reach the police station with increasing frequency regarding these pigs. The officials are informed that it is contrary to city ordinance to raise pigs in town and the complaints want action taken against their neighbors who are offending.

"What can I do?" says Chief Nitz. "I can't make them quit raising pigs until this war is over. We urged these people to break the city ordinance and help win the war by raising pigs. Have we won the war yet? I don't know; nobody seems to know. The only thing to do is let them keep their pigs until peace is declared. We will have a hard enough time taking the pigs away from them then without starting anything now. But she's going to smell something awful in West Hammond this summer the way folks are stocking up their pens now."

NEW ROBBER GANG COMES TO GRIEF

Naughty West Hammond Boys Caught in Police Dragnet.

Seven West Hammond boys, ranging in age from 12 to 15 years, are accused by police of being one of the most adroit and clever robber gangs that have ever infested Hammond. They are responsible, police say, for at least four store robberies involving loot valued at several hundred dollars.

For long weeks Detectives Elmgie and Singer of Hammond Central station have worked quietly rounding up the gang and today three of the boys are behind the bars at the city jail. They are: Alex Daukas, 125 154th Place; Roman Wojtkowiak, 228 154th Place; and Charles Reckler, 225 154th Place, all of West Hammond. Other arrests are expected.

Some of the robberies to which the boys have confessed, police allege, are: The grocery store of Henry Burke, 652 Hohman st., where jelly, eggs, butter, soap, sugar and other commodities were taken; the restaurant of Peter Brahms, 576 Hohman st., which suffered the loss of cigarettes, \$46 worth of cigars, and cash; Nelson's Drug Store, 634 Hohman st., where the boys filled up on ice cream, chocolate candies, and leaving took with them several cameras, flashlights and cash; and the sporting goods store of John H. Miller, at 153 State st., where revolvers, hunting knives and flashlights were stolen. Miller's property has been recovered and detectives are confident that with the capture of the rest of the gang other goods will be unaccounted for.

IMPORTANT NEWS, IF TRUE

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
DETROIT, Mich., April 12.—The end of the world will come within the next five days, according to the belief of Mrs. Robert Timmins of this city and some five hundred other persons. Yesterday, while Mrs. Timmins was in her poultry-house about noon, she picked up an egg which she was laid almost at that moment by one of her Barred Plymouth Rock hens and on that egg was the following inscription: "The end will come after five days."

Between the columns a cross appears and on the side of the egg opposite to the cross is a crown surmounted with a cross. The crown and inscription are all raised slightly as if the surface had been carved so as to leave them in relief. Except for the positive assurance given by Mrs. Timmins that she saw the egg laid, it would appear that the whole thing is the work of a joker who is handy with a knife.

Says Cities May Have To Go Gasless

Indiana Gas Manufacturers
In Quandary Over Gas
Oil Famine.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 12.—Prospect of a famine in gas oil "of such proportions that the production of artificial gas would be practically cut in two in the U. S. within the next few months" today caused E. J. Burke, of the Citizens Gas Co., Indianapolis and secretary of the Indiana Gas Association, to suggest to the public service commission that a meeting of gas manufacturers of the state be called to arrive at means of remedying the "desperate situation."

The night of the gas companies, he said, was brought forcibly to view when the Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Co., recently petitioned for increase in rates at Logansport, Warsaw, Lebanon, Michigan City and elsewhere. Consumption of fuel oil by the navy, big interests and of gasoline by motorists, makes a fifty per cent. reduction in heat requirements for gas companies imperative, in the opinion of Mr. Burke. Otherwise, he declared, many cities are going to find themselves without gas within the coming twelve months.

HAMMOND STRIKE STATUS ABOUT SAME

Little change in the yardmen's strike situation was brought by the opening of the new week. The men who quit their jobs a week ago are still holding firm and are apparently more determined than before to stick it out to the end. They are eagerly awaiting the outcome of conferences which are to be held in Washington, Chicago and other places this week.

Slight increase in the movement of freight through yards of the Calumet region is reported today, but it consists largely of occasional trains of coal or foodstuffs which the railroads are bending every effort to keep moving with the aid of the old brotherhoods. Longshanks have been taken to some of the large plants and are being used there in shifting the cars necessary to keep the industry running. These are generally operated by men furnished by the industry.

The Hammond local of the Chicago Yardmen's Association is still searching for a hall in which to hold meetings. The room at the corner of State and State Line streets is not satisfactory either in size or location. It is possible that a centrally located lodge hall will have been leased by evening.

The proposition has been advanced of holding a "rebel dance" soon if a large hall can be rented. The proceeds from this dance will go into a fund which will be used to assist members of the local who are in hard luck and unable to support themselves during the "vacation."

It was announced today that representatives of the Ladies Auxiliary to the B. of E. T. were coming to Hammond to speak to the wives of the yardmen in an attempt to enlist the assistance of the women in getting the men to come back to work. The yardmen generally are of the opinion that any such missionaries will have tough sledding when they hit Hammond and to forestall the move they are planning to give a big meeting as soon as possible to be designated as Ladies Night. It will be a sort of testimonial meeting in which all of the women will be asked to express their sentiments regarding the war and the ability of seeing some hot speeches and it is predicted that once the women take control of the session, more men will have little to say, but they learn a lot by listening.

U. S. INVESTIGATOR IS PROBING STRIKE



G. W. W. Hangar.

G. W. W. Hangar, assistant United States commissioner of mediation and conciliation, has gone to Chicago to investigate the unauthorized strike of railroad switchmen.

5 P.M. NEWS FLASHES

(BULLETIN)
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
SOUTH BEND, April 12.—Shaggy men today held up and robbed the New South Bend State Bank. Loot of \$10,000 was obtained by the robbers.

(BULLETIN)
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
BOSTON, April 12.—The New England conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session here this afternoon, voted to lift the ban on dancing, card playing and theater going.

(BULLETIN)
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
CHICAGO, April 12.—After announcing that they would present their demands to the railroads today the striking switchmen at the last moment decided to "standstill" and let the railroad heads make the first overtures.

(BULLETIN)
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 12.—The Pennsylvania railway today announced the cancellation of twenty-five trains because of the railroad strike.

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(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 12.—Soldiers in uniform began handling government mail here this afternoon after the railroads had failed to handle it adequately because of the strike.

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(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
TRENTON, N. J., April 12.—Fifteen hundred workers in the yards of the Pennsylvania railroad here went on strike this afternoon completely paralyzing all freight transportation.

(BULLETIN)
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
SCHENECTADY, N. Y., April 12.—The headless body of a woman, imbedded in a cake of ice, found on the banks of the Mohawk river, near here, has furnished the local police with an absorbing mystery.

(BULLETIN)
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
BERLIN, April 12.—The German government today sent a note to Paris warning the French government that French patrols are going too far into Germany from the occupied territory.

(BULLETIN)
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 12.—With the rapid extension of the railroad strike throughout the Pittsburgh district today, the industrial situation became more critical.

PRESBYTERY IN SESSION

Rev. J. C. Farrell, of the First Presbyterian church of Hammond, left for Winamac today where he will preach at the spring meeting of the Logansport Presbytery today and tomorrow which is expected to bring to the city representatives from about fifty Presbyterian churches, in nine counties.

The pastor and one layman from each of the churches in the following counties will attend: Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Fulton, Pulaski, Jasper, Newton, Starke and Cass.

Following a public session of the Presbytery in the Presbyterian church Monday evening at 7:30 the Rev. J. C. Farrell, of Hammond, moderator, will preach and Dr. Stewart, of LaPorte, and others will make brief addresses. Tuesday will be given over to business sessions.

U. S. Discusses Use of Troops To Insure Mail Transportation

(BULLETIN)
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
WASHINGTON, April 12.—Vigorous action will be taken by the postoffice department in the event of any interference with the transportation of the mails, it was announced today by the post office department.

Second Postmaster general Proeger has sent telegraphic instructions to all officials to report all obstructions directly or indirectly, by conspiracy or otherwise, with the passage of the mails as a result of strikes and gave authority to bring any such offenders to the immediate attention of local post office inspectors and the United States district attorney within their district with a request that the offenders be rigorously prosecuted if the facts warrant.

(BULLETIN)
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
WASHINGTON, April 12.—Every standard railroad labor organization with wage demands pending will present them to the railroad companies on April 28, it was announced here today. This program is to be laid before the convention now in session in Kansas City for approval. The demands will call for national standardization of wages with proper differentials.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
WASHINGTON, April 12.—The government is watching the railroad strike and will act if necessary. It was officially announced by the White House today.

It was stated that at present the situation is in the hands of Atty. Gen. Palmer, who is expected to consult the president before taking any drastic action.

BOARD NAMED TOMORROW

Senator Cummings announced at the capital that he had been assured at the White House that the railroad labor board would be named today or tomorrow. He stated that he would endeavor to have the board stationed in Washington and said he was positive that with the appointment of the board that the strike situation could be easily settled when requests were heard. A meeting of the interstate commerce committee was called.

Cummings stated that the investigation of the strike will not proceed until the labor board is appointed.

MAY USE TROOPS

Officials have already discussed the advisability of using troops to insure transportation of the mails. It was learned, although such a step will not be taken until the situation is more serious than at present.

Senator Cummings, chairman of the interstate commerce committee of the senate, and W. N. Dock, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, called at the White House today. Secretary Timmins stated that they came to inquire about the appointment of the railroad labor adjustment board. It is understood that Dock assured Secretary Timmins that the railroad workers would see that the mails are moved.

LAST WORD ON THE STRIKE

While apparently receding in other parts of the country, the unauthorized strike of railroad workers continued to spread in the East today, resulting in almost complete stoppage of regular traffic on many of them. The Erie is practically shut down.

New York was practically cut off from the West so far as regular train service was concerned. West bound trains departed when crews were found to man them.

Time tables and schedules were virtually abandoned. Trains from the west came in late. Local and suburban service was at a standstill.

From the White House in Washington came this cryptic announcement: "The government is watching the railroad strike and will act if necessary."

Other government agencies—the department of justice and the postoffice department—were considering the strike practically to the exclusion of other business.

Mail trains have been interfered with and the postoffice department declares these interferences would be summarily dealt with.

Atty. Gen. Palmer is back in Washington, after a week's absence, seeking the strike practically to the exclusion of other business.

At Kansas City, the strike was struck by C. H. Greer, vice president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul at Chicago. He said: "The backbone of the strike is broken in Chicago."

The freight embargo on the C. & M. & St. P. will be lifted tonight. At Kansas City, the railroad brotherhoods affiliated with the American Federation of Labor are in conference to take action on the strike.

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